

# Centennial

*Celebrating 100 years of Glacier National Park*



Sperry Party on Sperry Glacier, NPS Archives

## Featured Photo



Spring in Cutbank Valley, 2008

## What is the

## Glacier Centennial Program?

*It's* an exciting time for Glacier National Park. As we quickly approach our 100th Anniversary, we have pulled together over 50 people to help plan a Centennial Program. These 50 people serve on a series of committees: Steering Committee, Events Committee, Program Committee, Retail Committee, PR and Marketing Committee, Fundraising and Finance Committee, and the Executive Committee. These committees are guided by a Strategic Plan that was developed this spring. The plan and each committee is grounded in the Centennial Program mission of *Celebrate, Inspire, Engage*.

To engage as many people as possible, we are maintaining a centennial website! The website features a blog, this newsletter, a calendar of events, a park timeline, a 'contact us' opportunity, and - our favorite...a guest book! If you have a minute, check it out and share a Glacier Park story!

## Centennial Coordinator



Ranger Kass



Grinnell Glacier

*Kass Hardy*, 25- originally from the Adirondack Mountains in New York, has spent 3 seasons in Glacier National Park as a Park Naturalist and Interpreter. This young, outdoor enthusiast has experience in Environmental Planning in Yosemite National Park and in our nation's capital. She brings a wealth of enthusiasm and creativity to the Centennial Program and is looking forward to working with the gateway communities and park partners over the next 3 years.

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## CENTENNIAL ROAD TOUR 2008



*"Glacier Park means so much to me  
and my family."*

### Listening Sessions

are designed to engage people in Glacier National Park's Centennial and to seek ideas for centennial events, programs, and projects. The Glacier Centennial Program has been hosting a series of Listening Sessions throughout the late summer and will be hosting meetings this fall.

In our first series of sessions, we engaged over 250 people and received a wealth of comments and ideas. When asked what they loved about Glacier: the wilderness that Glacier offers, the hundreds of miles of hiking trails that they can do with their families, the great fishing in the high lakes, the abundance of water and the lushness that it offers, it just means so much to me and my family, the intact ecosystem...

These brainstorming sessions resulted in ideas such as centennial gardens, living history programs, historic district walks, film festivals, special train rides with Amtrak, recognize peace, and enhance our sister park relations with Mongolia. The ideas didn't stop there; host climate change workshops, have a panel discussion about the next 100 years, set up a centennial registry, and have a really big cake.

Please check the website to give us feedback on what you would like to see for events, programs, or projects for the centennial and for more details as to when we will be near your home community.

## At the Governor's Conference



Each year the Governor hosts a Conference on Tourism and Recreation, this year several national parks in the state of Montana collaborated on an exhibit. The exhibit was hosted by Glacier National Park and therefore, featured the Going-to-the-Sun Road's 75th Anniversary and an introduction of the park's Centennial. A presentation on the Centennial was given at the Friday morning plenary session. The debut of a two minute teaser video clip was presented.

*Dear Glacier Park fans: we are  
making a request for...*

*Glacier Park Photos and Stories*  
to share on the centennial website, newsletter, and potentially in other places! We want to hear your stories and see your photos. The newsletter 'Centennial Storyboard' will be a venue to share a new story, from someone new every month. The 'featured photo' spotlight will also rotate with new photos and photographers each month.

*Do you have a photo or a story to  
share for the newsletter (featured photo  
or story board? Share it with us on  
the website, "contact us"!*

## Centennial Storyboard

My most special spot in Glacier Park lives within the North Fork. I travel to it every season, of every year. I cherish my time picking my way through the soggy meadows- and I pleasantly await the howling of the Kintla Pack. I ponder with the Ponderosa Pines as they have long been my hiking companions and friends. If you have been to my place, you know of the sweet smell, you know of the sublime nature of the towering peaks to the west, and you know of the feeling that I feel inside just talking about...

